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1. EMBASSY HAS ISSUED PRESS RELEASE BASED ON REF C AND IS COMMUNICATING DIRECTLY WITH MEDICAL SCHOOLS IN EFFORT TO REACH AMERICANS STUDYING HERE. PRESS RELEASE WILL LIKELY LEAD TO QUESTIONS FROM AMERICAN STUDENTS CONCERNING PL 94-484. EMBASSY WISHES TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT THESE STUDENTS AND STEPS THEY MUST TAKE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THE U.S. OUR QUESTIONS CONCERN THOSE WHO DO NOT WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TITLE V.

2. PARA 2 OF REF A INDICATES "... ALIENS WHO ARE GRADUATES OF MEDICAL SCHOOLS WHICH ARE NOT WITHIN THE UNITED STATES OR CANADA ARE INELIGIBLE TO TAKE PARTS I AND II OF THE NBMEE ... M" BY INFERENCE, AMERICAN STUDENTS ATTENDING MEDICAL SCHOOLS ABROAD WOULD LIKEWISE BE INELIGIBLE. IS THIS CORRECT?

3. IF AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENTS HERE CANNOT TAKE NBMEE, HOW CAN THEY BECOME LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THE U.S.?

4. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPECIAL ECFMG ENGLISH EXAM INDICATES ECFMG CERTIFICATION REMAINS A REQUIREMENT TO ENTER GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE U.S. AND SUCH
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CERTIFICATION IS A PREREQUISITE FOR LICENSURE IN 45 STATES. CAN AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENTS BECOME LICENSED MERELY BY PASSING ECFMG EXAM? IF SO, WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NBMEE OR THE VQE?

5. PARA 5 OF REF B INDICATES THAT "EVEN UNITED STATES CITIZENS WHO ARE FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES ARE NOT EXCEPTED FROM THE

ENGLISH TEST." IT APPEARS THAT THERE ARE TWO EXAMS, ONE OF MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE AND ONE OF ENGLISH. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CLARIFY.

6. IF ANSWER TO QUESTION IN PARA 4 IS NEGATIVE, MUST AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENTS TAKE THE VQE TO BECOME LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THE UNITED STATES? IF SO, IT APPEARS THAT THEY MUST PASS THE ECFMG ENGLISH TEST OR THE TOEFL.

7. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT TO SEND CIRCULAR TELEGRAM TO ALL POSTS ADDRESSING ITESL TO STATUS OF AMERICAN MEDICAL STUDENTS STUDYING ABROAD.
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